

the fruit cluster, yet excludes insects and birds, provides a windbreak, and partially shades said bunch;

(d) said fabric made of water-repellant, UV resistant fiber; and

(e) means for anchoring the top of said bag to the fruitstalk of said bunch.

Claim 2, rewrite Claim 2 (amended) as follows:

2. (amended) The cover of claim 1 wherein said fabric is white, woven, open-mesh polyester having a weight of 86 to 113 grams per square meter (2.5 to 3.3 ounces per square yard).

Claim 3, rewrite Claim 3 (amended) as follows:

3. (amended) The cover of claim 1 wherein said fabric has a cloth count of approximately 13 warps by 10 fills per square centimeter (32 warps by 26 fills per square inch).

Claim 4, cancel.

Claim 6, rewrite Claim 6 (amended) as follows:

6. (amended) A method for protecting Deglet Noor dates from birds, rain, insects, wind, and sunburn, while on the palm, which comprises the steps of:

(a) providing a cover for said dates, said cover being in the shape of a bag, said bag being of ample size to enclose a bunch and composed of a flexible fabric which allows free circulation of air throughout the fruit cluster, yet excludes insects and birds, provides a windbreak, and partially shades said bunch, said fabric being made of water-repellant, UV resistant fiber;

(b) slipping said bag over the bunch;

[(c) positioning said bag such that the bottom of said bag is a few inches below the bottom of said bunch;]

(d) puckering the middle portion of said bag around the bottom of the fruitstalk;

(e) providing means for anchoring approximately the middle of said bag in a tightly closed condition around the bottom of said fruitstalk, so as to completely enclose said bunch; and

(f) folding down and over the top of said bunch the portion of said bag protruding above where

*Dr. Denis* said bag is anchored to said fruitstalk, so as to form an umbrella-like structure, such that the upper portion of said bunch is shaded, and said fruit cluster is protected from rain.

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A clean version of the entire set of pending claims is attached along with the substitute specification.

Very respectfully,

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